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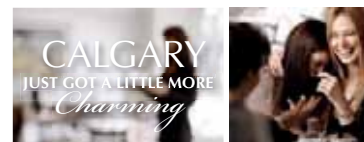
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# Thieves hamper Christmas

- Calgary Police believe two people broke into southeast church's storage room
- Theft caused a substantial shortage in food for church organization's Christmas hampers



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Rick Ell is appalled someone would break into a church to steal hamper items, especially so close to Christmas.

Thieves broke into a storage room at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Dec. 12, and several food hamper items and toys were taken, according to police.

"It's surprising that somebody would stoop that low," said Ell, president of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul-Holy Trinity/Our Lady of Fatima Conference, the group responsible for collecting goods for the hampers.

The organization provides hampers to needy families year-round, not just at Christmas.

"When somebody steals from us, the impact is very hard on our clients."

District 4 acting Insp. Geoff Gawlinksi believes the incident was premeditated and that the culprits used multiple tools to access a secure door.

"What we have here is an inci-

## Calgary Police Service

► According to the CPS, items that were taken from the storage room include non-perishable food items, toys and a stroller.

► As food donations cannot be accepted until the door is repaired, the church is accepting cash donations by mail to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1525-45 St. S.E.

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dent of somebody trying to collect goods on behalf of people who are less fortunate, and now those people aren't able to receive those items due to this act," said Gawlinksi.

The CPS is seeking public assistance and asks anyone with information on the incident to call 403-567-6400.



► Rick Ell holds up an empty milk crate after thieves nabbed some food hampers reserved for the needy from the basement of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

## Mayor works on his to-do list for 2012

- Looks back on 2011's changes in snow removal, transit
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### Canada

**Wildfires, tornadoes and devastating floods**

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**String of deadly bombings rip through Baghdad**

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► Mayor Naheed Nenshi said one of his top priorities for the next year is to work with the provincial government to craft a city charter.

# Mayor Nenshi looks ahead to next year

► In the short term, Nenshi hopes to have a plan to fund four rec centres ► Initiatives like Cut Red Tape will continue into 2012



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Changes to Calgary Transit, improvements to customer service at city hall and building a new relationship with the province are on the Mayor Naheed Nenshi's to-do list for 2012.

Nenshi and his council colleagues have now served more than a year

in office and the mayor said he believes Calgarians are already seeing the impacts of their collective work.

"I think most Calgarians would agree that the snow removal off the roads is so much better," said Nenshi, "or that Calgary Transit users will find the experience of taking transit is so much better — from the signs that tell you when the next

train is coming to the machines that give change."

Moving forward, Nenshi said he plans to get the wheels turning on a new plan for Calgary Transit along with easing the process for planning and development.

"We're going to have a provincial election almost certainly, and that is going to be a really good opportunity for Calgary to assert ourselves as how

important we are for this province and for its future," he said.

"From a non-political perspective, 2012 is going to be a really, really good year."

From Stampede to the Calgary Public Library, centennial celebrations will be abundant as Calgary takes on the role of Culture Capital of Canada.

"It's going to be a year that people remember."

## Hot-button issues

**1. Airport tunnel:** Lovingly dubbed "tunderpass" on Twitter, many aldermen thought the \$295-million project would put them in the hole, but it was approved by a close vote.

**2. Fluoride:** After more than 20 years in Calgary's water, the city stopped adding fluoride to the taps after much debate from Calgarians and aldermen in February.

**3. Snow-route parking bans:** Heavy snowfall now means on-street parking is limited for 72 hours until crews clear the white stuff.

**4. Secondary suites:** Council made some minor changes to the policy but voted against legalizing suites across the city.

**5. Occupy action plan:** Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart was critical of the time it took for the city to act on the Occupy Calgary camp, but officials say they were following the action plan all along.

**6. Police budget:** During November's budget debates, council approved a \$10-million boost for the police, sending the tax hike up by almost a full percentage point.

**7. Cycling strategy:** Council funded a long-term cycling strategy, which will add far more bike infrastructure for commuters.

**8. Park-and-ride lots:** Council removed the \$3 daily fee in April in exchange for a \$70/month reservation fee.

**9. Food trucks:** Spearheaded by Nenshi, a pilot project eased the process to launch a food truck.

**10. New central library:** Council chose a new location in the East Village for the central library earlier this year. The project is expected to cost \$250 million.

● KATIE TURNER

## Calgarians' comments

## What was the biggest civic issue in 2011?



**Kelly Popadynetz**  
34, CALGARY

"Fluoride out of the water."



**Audrey Remedios**  
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"The property-tax debate and the mud-slinging in city council."



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28, CALGARY

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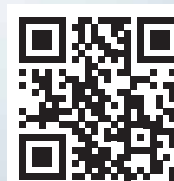
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## ALBERTA HIGHWAY SHOOTINGS

## Baseball player laid to rest

The mother of a young man who was gunned down at the side of a highway in Alberta read a poem to her son at his funeral

Thursday that included lines recalling home-run glory.

Dianne MacLean spoke to about 600 people at the funeral

— many of them ball players wearing team caps and holding baseballs — as Mitch's father Irwin, also a baseball player and a coach, gently held her.

Her poem titled Last Time at the Plate described Mitch's battle with a pitcher that ends with him stroking a fast-ball into the bleachers and rounding the bases into the arms of his teammates.

MacLean's verse made mourners smile as she took a playful dig at an umpire. It ended with a heartrending farewell to her son.

"The game is now over. You must pack up your gear. We know you'll keep playing. It's just not going to be here," MacLean said. "Love you, Mitchie," she said as many at the funeral wept openly.

The funeral for MacLean, who was 20, was held in a United Church on the outskirts of Charlottetown.

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► Members of the Lethbridge Bulls baseball team at MacLean's funeral.

He was one of four young people shot last week by Derek Jensen, just north of the town of Claresholm, before Jensen killed himself.

Police have said the shootings were motivated by Jensen's recent breakup with a young woman in the vehicle, Tabitha Stepple, who was remembered at a funeral service on Wednesday in Lethbridge.

MacLean and Tanner Craswell, who was 22 and also from P.E.I., were baseball players studying at Lethbridge College.

They played for the Lethbridge Bulls, who sent a delegation of players to help carry their teammate's casket.

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# Departing DI-centre employee plans memoir

## ► Woman has worked at Calgary shelter for nearly six years



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When she walks out of the Drop-In Centre for the last time as an employee, Louise Gallagher said she won't be leaving empty-handed.

The longtime employee said she's taking with her a wealth of invaluable life lessons.

"I really believe that working here has made me a better human being," said Gallagher, who serves as the director of public relations and volunteer services.

During her time at the centre, Gallagher introduced an art studio, which has grown into a program that allows clients to express themselves and even sell their art.

Former executive director Dermot Baldwin said Gallagher's initiative to start the centre's art program changed lives.

"While they were in it, it was just the most uplifting way to spend time and to test their skill levels," he

### Gallagher file

► Gallagher was homeless at one point in her life and said working at the shelter helped heal some of the wounds from her past.

► Recently, she and another staff member spent three days on the roof of the DI to raise funds and awareness about homelessness.

said. "Beyond that, they stayed out of trouble while they were in the program."

Once she departs from the DI, Gallagher said she plans to put her experiences on paper and pen a new book with the working title Lessons in Love: Everything I Know About Being a Human Being I Learned at a Homeless Shelter.

"The biggest thing I've learned is that we all are human beings, sharing this human condition, and it really doesn't matter where we walk or where we stand ... we all have emotions, needs, wants and desires," she said. "We all want a place to belong."



► Louise Gallagher, longtime employee of the Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre, is set to make her departure from the downtown non-profit.

## "She's a people person. I'll miss her being here."

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# Windstorm caused at least \$200M damage: IBC

The Insurance Bureau of Canada is estimating that insured damage caused by windstorms in southern Alberta last month is at least \$200 million.

The bureau says thousands of claims have already been filed for damage to homes, cars and businesses.

Numbers are still preliminary, however.

Heavy winds gusting to more than 100 kilometres an hour hit much of southern Alberta on the last weekend of November.

The winds downed trees, caused glass and debris to fly off buildings and



► Calgary's windstorm left a field of debris in the downtown Square in late November.

made takeoffs and landings at Calgary International Airport difficult.

The high winds made it

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# Back to drawing board

► Parents reject move suspending public input at education board meetings ► Trustee suggests learning lessons from other organizations



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Pre-meeting discussions with students and parents, town hall-style forums in various communities and easy-to-read agendas are just some of the ideas Calgary public-school representatives are pitching to implement in the new year.

Trustees voted Tuesday to retool proposed procedural changes that would have, among other things, suspended public input during Calgary Board of Education meetings.

Trustee Joy Bowen-Eyre, who helped draft the changes, said Thursday that the board's current public-engagement model, which is largely focused

around three-minute stakeholder reports delivered at board meetings, is under-utilized and ineffective.

The drafted proposal had pledged to implement "strategic communication dialogues" with the public at some point.

"It's about how we incorporate many different ways to hear many different voices," Bowen-Eyre said.

Ahead of Tuesday's vote, numerous parents expressed concern they would lose what many saw as their only viable means of communicating with elected representatives and CBE administration.

Trustee Sheila Taylor, who opposed the changes from the outset, said the key to improving engage-

ment may lie in methods adopted by other boards.

"I'm all in favour of looking at some new creative ideas, but that doesn't mean we should remove what we have now," she said.

Trustees searching for inspiration could take a trip up Highway 2 to see an Edmonton public board meeting, which features stakeholder reports, two 20-minute sessions for open public input and even the ability to apply to make a formal, 10-minute presentation.

"What we are seeking to achieve in our practices here is an appropriate balance between a reasonable — if not generous — opportunity for the public to express their views while at the same time recogniz-

## Revision

- CBE trustees will be presented with a revised procedural document by the end of February.
- Some boards in Ontario have even brought on student trustees to participate in all public debating and voting.
- Locally, Calgary's Catholic board has begun hosting World Cafés, at which parents are able to gather in small groups with an administrative member to discuss future planning and concerns.

ing we often have full agendas," said Edmonton chair Dave Colburn, who did not wish to directly speak about the CBE's current engagement model.

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# Tech-savvy tinkerers turn things around



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Some crafty Calgarians are busy taking back the term "hacker."

"Hacking is a skill, like being a locksmith. It's not a bad thing," said Valerie Roney, a member of local group Protospace. "It's about taking something apart to see how it works; it's about using stuff for something other than what it's designed for."

Roney and her group director Andrew Preece were busy using old computer hard drives to create light-up Christmas trees during a recent visit by Metro to Protospace's headquarters. Others were working to create an automated door-lock system using various pieces of discarded technology.

But Roney was quick to point out that hacking can extend far beyond new-age technology to practices like food-and-alcohol hacking. She recently combined Pop Rocks and chocolate for a sweet explosive treat.

A small cluster of



► Protospace director Andrew Preece shows off a refurbished computer circuit disc while fellow members work busily on their own projects in the background.

friends originally conceived the creation of Protospace, but the group recently boosted its exposure by moving into a large southeast warehouse that allows members to store a large array of tools and in-progress projects.

"The thing that's really neat is the explosion of culture in Calgary now," Preece said. "It's not just traditional art forms anymore, culture comes in a lot of different ways, and we like to think we're apart of that."

## Membership

- Protospace members utilize a 2,300-square-foot warehouse located at 12001-44th Street S.E., and gather as a group every Tuesday to "meet and geek."
- A typical membership with the group costs \$550 annually, but there are discounts available for students and friends of current members.
- For more information, visit protospace.ca



KATIE TURNER/METRO



► Director of animal and bylaw services Bill Bruce says spaying and neutering is crucial to curbing the city's rapidly growing cat population.

# Calgary's pet model admired

► Calgary's Bill Bruce has been consulting with cities across North America, Europe and Australia



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Low euthanasia rates and high return-to-owner rates have cities around the world taking notes from Calgary when it comes to animal control.

Bill Bruce, director of animal and bylaw services, estimates he's been to more than 25 cities in the last 10 years, assisting places such as Saskatoon and Toronto in adopting Calgary's model.

**4%** According to the last census, there are 123,350 dogs in Calgary. Bill Bruce said less than four per cent of those dogs end up as strays.

"People are interested in why Calgary has such a low euthanasia rate compared to other cities," said Bruce, "It's been a journey. Calgary back in 1985 was as bad as anywhere else."

Bruce credits the responsible pet ownership philosophy for much of

the city's success. Educating owners and a strong pet licensing program go a long way to making sure both pets and owners are safe and healthy.

"When you consider most cities at 1.1 million, they put down into the thousands, not 203 (dogs) and same with cats; people put down thousands," he said.

Bruce said one of the keys to Calgary's success is working with the public rather than writing bylaws in a boardroom.

## Suspect in case of missing couple to remain in custody

A man who has been named by Mounties as a suspect in the disappearance of an elderly Edmonton-area couple has been sentenced to 33

months for property-related crimes.

But with time served since his arrest last year, Travis Vader has one day left to serve for arsons and break-and-enters he committed in the Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe and Barrhead areas in December 2009.

Vader, 39, will, however, remain in custody because he still faces another trial on another set of property-related charges in the Barrhead area in April.

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## Police bust grow-op

Two people have been charged after the discovery of a large marijuana growing operation in a northeast home.

According to police, the operation at a home in the 6700 block of 43 Avenue Northeast, which totalled 875 plants, has a street value of approximately \$1.1 million. Duc Long Nyugen and Kim Thuy Nguyen, both of Calgary, have been charged. ● DANI FINCH

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# Sisters create parody of Perry hit

► 100s of hours went into creating Calgarian Girls ► Numerous local venues, popular hangout spots showcased



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Move over, Katy Perry.  
Two Calgary sisters have

created a worthy parody of the music sensation's hit California Gurls that features a great deal of local flavour — everything from drinking Peters' Drive-In

milkshakes to throwing up on the Calaway Park rollercoaster.

"We wanted to highlight Calgary's key awesome points," said 16-year-old

Jordie Gray, who co-produced the video with older sibling Ashley.

Filming in Calgary's various hotspots came with some challenges. For one,

the girls visited the Calgary Zoo on school field trip day, becoming a laughing spectacle for hundreds of passing elementary kids.

Jordie also suffered a skin reaction to grass chemicals while performing her version of "the worm" atop Scotman's Hill.

Nevertheless, the girls remain committed to their cause.

Now, the finished product has generated some buzz on YouTube and other

social media sites like Reddit, but the Grays never intended to gain recognition for their work.

"We really did it just for fun," Ashley said. "We really like making parodies. Our friends love watching them and helping out."

"And we really love Calgary," Jordie added.



To see the video, head to [metronews.ca/calgary](http://metronews.ca/calgary)

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► Jordie Gray, left, and sister Ashley spent hours shooting and editing a Calgary version of Katy Perry's hit song California Gurls.

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## Mom, two kids killed in crash

A mother and her two children are dead following a collision near Rogers Pass Summit.

The 36-year-old mom was travelling from Calgary to her home in Burnaby with her two daughters, aged six and four, when they were involved in a collision with a commercial tractor-trailer unit. According to an RCMP release, the 2003 Suzuki SUV carrying the

three victims crossed from the westbound lanes of traffic into the eastbound lanes. All three were deceased immediately upon impact.

RCMP say next of kin have been notified but that family members have requested the identities of the victims not be released.

Those who may have witnessed the collision are asked to contact the Trans Canada East Traffic Services Unit at 1-250-837-5255. ● METRO

## Recycle your tree

Remember to recycle your Christmas tree with the Christmas Tree Recycling program. If you receive black cart garbage collection, leave your tree near your black cart collection spot by 7 a.m. on Jan. 9th. Trees will be picked up within two weeks. ● METRO

## Bookkeeper charged

A southern Alberta bookkeeper has been charged with stealing more than \$225,000 from her employers. Brandi Elan Van Den Hengel of Lethbridge is charged with theft over \$5,000, uttering a forged document and fraud over \$5,000. ● METRO





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# Layton is Canada's Newsmaker of the Year

► Late NDP leader won overwhelming majority of votes in two surveys — one by editors and news directors and another by the public online

John Gilbert Layton wore dozens of different name tags in his decades of public service: activist, guitarist, father and, finally, leader of the official Opposition.

Most knew the NDP leader by another name: Jack.

No other Canadian dominated the headlines like Layton in 2011, making him the clear choice for Newsmaker of the Year by editors and news directors participating in the annual survey of newsrooms across the country by The Canadian Press.

Layton received 90 per cent of the votes — one of the most overwhelming margins in the 65-year history of the CP Newsmaker voting. The next closest was Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who received just five per cent of the vote totals.

Also earning votes were Canada's new female premiers, the protesters at the heart of the Occupy Canada movement, former auditor general Sheila Fraser and the Grande Prairie Composite Warriors football team.

"Jack Layton single-handedly shaped Canada's political narrative in 2011, from the decimation of the Bloc Quebecois, to the marginalization of the Liberal party, to the utter vacuum



► No other Canadian dominated the headlines like Jack Layton in 2011.

left on Parliament Hill by his death," said Brodie Fennell, senior news editor, The Huffington Post Canada.

"We watched the drama of this scrappy underdog, cane in hand, pulling off an astonishing victory only to be felled months later before he could truly make something of it."

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## Cherry a distant second

► Layton claimed half of the online votes cast, with hockey commentator Don Cherry a distant second at 16 per cent. Prime Minister Stephen Harper garnered 10 per cent of the vote, narrowly edging the Occupy Canada protesters at 9.5 per cent.

► Stratford, Ont., pop sensation Justin Bieber, who made tabloid headlines earlier this year when a fan named him in a paternity suit that she later dropped, rounded out the top five with 3.4 per cent of the vote.

# Chretien gets \$200,000 compensation

The Federal Court has ordered the government to pay \$200,000 each to former Liberal prime minister Jean Chretien and his late chief of staff — compensation for some of the legal costs they racked up fighting the findings of an inquiry into the sponsorship scandal.

The lump-sum payments, awarded last week by Judge Francois Lemieux, are the last chapter in a drawn-out court battle Chretien and Jean Pelletier waged against Justice John Gomery and the report he wrote on the scandal in 2005.

Pelletier died in 2009 due to complications from

colon cancer, but his estate continued to pursue the case in court.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's parliamentary secretary said the decision was disappointing, and that most Canadians would find the award "distasteful." The Conservatives have long called on the Liberal party to pay back \$43 million in missing taxpayer funds.

"That's stolen money that should have been repaid, and certainly it's our position that Jean Chretien should repay that \$200,000 to Canadians," said Dean Del Mastro. "It's stolen money, and I don't think Canadians have forgotten about it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IMPAIRED DRIVING

## Excuses that folks make ...

"I'm driving my drunk friends home. I've had less than all of them." That's one of the top excuses police have heard from impaired drivers this month.

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. put together the list to caution people on the best way to ensure a safe trip home from a holiday party.

"I can't be drunk ...

I'm the designated driver!" won't cut it, and neither will the other excuses police have heard: "I've only had a couple," "I can hold my liquor" and "I was only going two blocks."

ICBC says even a small amount of alcohol can cause impairment, and no matter how close a person is to home, they should think twice about drinking and driving.

The company says CounterAttack roadblocks will be up across the province during the holidays and no excuse will work if a person is driving while impaired.

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## Zoo raises polar bear by hand

A Danish zoo says a month-old polar bear cub is being raised by humans after his mother failed to produce enough milk to feed him.

Scandinavian Wildlife Park manager Frank Vigh-Larsen says Siku is doing "really fine."

Vigh-Larsen said Thursday that the cub was two days old when he was removed from his mother after surveillance video inside

the bear cave revealed that he "was moaning and being unruly all the time."

Vigh-Larsen says Siku would have been in danger of death if he had stayed with his mother.

Three people are giving round-the-clock care to the cub at the zoo in Kolind, 170 kilometres northwest of Copenhagen.

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The cub now weighs 7 pounds. He was 3 pounds at birth



► Siku's mother failed to produce enough milk to feed him.

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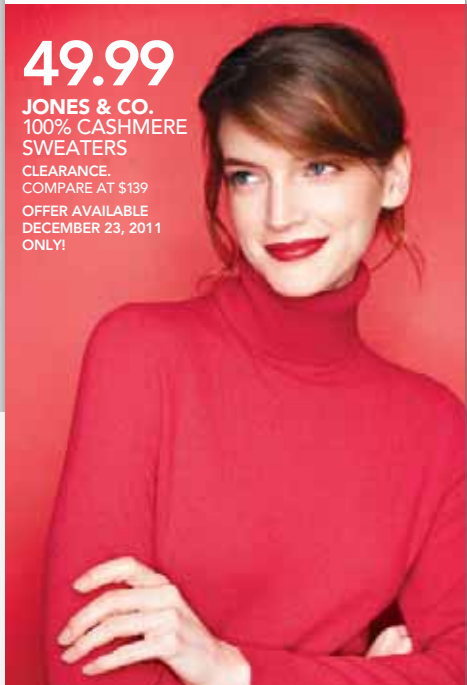
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# Bombers strike Baghdad

► Tensions rise in Iraq as attacks, mere days after U.S. forces leave, threaten stability in war-torn country ► Blasts hit 11 neighbourhoods, kill dozens

A wave of 16 bombings ripped across Baghdad Thursday, killing at least 69 people in the worst violence in Iraq for months. The apparently co-ordinated attacks struck days after the last American forces left the country and in the midst of a major government crisis between Shiite and Sunni politicians that has sent sectarian tensions soaring.

The bombings may be linked more to the U.S. withdrawal than the political crisis, but all together, the developments heighten fears of a new round of Shiite-Sunni sectarian bloodshed like the one a few years back that pushed Iraq to the brink of civil war.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But the bombings bore all



► Iraqi security forces and people gather at the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad on Thursday.

the hallmarks of al-Qaida's Sunni insurgents. Most appeared to hit Shiite neighbourhoods, although some Sunni areas

were also targeted.

In all, 11 neighbourhoods were hit by either car bombs, roadside blasts or sticky bombs attached

## Deadly attack

► The deadliest attack was in the Karrada neighbourhood, where a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the office of a government agency.

► At least 14 blasts went off in the morning and two more in the evening.

► Two police officers at the scene said the bomber was driving an ambulance and told guards that he needed to get to a nearby hospital. After the guards let him through, he drove to the building where he blew himself up, the officers said.

to cars. There was at least one suicide bombing and the blasts went off over several hours.

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# France's genocide bill upsets Turkey

French lawmakers easily passed a measure Thursday to make it a crime to deny the mass killings of Armenians in 1915 by Ottoman Turks amounted to genocide. Turkey swiftly retaliated, ordering its ambassador home and halting official contacts, including some military co-operation.

Within hours of the vote on the bill, which would penalize those who deny the genocide, Turkey suspended joint military

## Friend or foe?

► Turkey, a NATO member, is a strategic ally of France and valued trading partner, and the moves diminish ties at a particularly crucial time. Paris and Ankara are both deeply involved in international issues from the uprising in Syria to Afghanistan.

manoeuvres and restricting French military flights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Israel drops Gaza flotilla charges

Israel's attorney general has decided not to prosecute Israelis who participated in a Gaza-bound flotilla that was raided a

year ago.

The suspects included an Israeli-Arab lawmaker and an Islamist leader.

Nine pro-Palestinian Turkish activists were killed when Israeli naval commandos stormed the Gaza-bound ships. The raid prompted an international outcry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Canada's top 10 weather stories

## Devastating floods and fires lead Environment Canada's list of biggest weather events of 2011

Fires and floods of almost biblical proportions that forced thousands from their homes and cut a swath of destruction through several communities took a heavy toll on

Canadians this year, says one of the country's lead climatologists.

While those disasters weren't as deadly as the Japanese tsunami or the violent weather that battered

the U.S., they wore down Canadians and cost the country billions, said David Phillips, senior climatologist with Environment Canada, who released his list of the top 10 weather stories of 2011 Thursday.

"We were getting our own fair share of misery, hardship and misfortune from the weather," he said.

"There have been tough years but I think this one, in many ways, has been difficult from an expensive point of view and the extreme aspect of it."

The floods that swamped parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba were "unprecedented on so many fronts," placing them in the top spot, Phillips said.

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### Weather's top 10

- 1 Historic floods in Saskatchewan and Manitoba
- 2 Wildfires at Slave Lake
- 3 Richelieu River floods
- 4 Challenging growing season for farmers
- 5 Tornado in Goderich
- 6 Hurricanes in Atlantic region
- 7 Summer a mixed bag of weather
- 8 Arctic sea ice near record low
- 9 Groundhog Day blizzard
- 10 High winds rip through southern Alberta

## Stranded woman ate candy bars

A U.S. university student said she had nothing to eat but two candy bars while her car was stuck in the snow for nine days in a remote area of Arizona.

The 23-year-old Lauren Weinberg was seen leaving her mother's home Dec. 11. Coconino County sheriff's spokesman Gerry Blair said she was driving around with no destination when she came to a dirt road near cliffs that divide the state's high country from the desert. Her car became stuck after she stopped to try to open a gate.

Weinberg told a sheriff's deputy she put snow in a water bottle and placed it on the car so it would melt, Blair said.

She did not have a heavy coat or blankets. She had a cellphone but the battery was dead.

Two U.S. Forest Service employees found her nine days later.

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### Brazil. Fire



► A firefighter rescues a dog from a fire in the shantytown Favela do Moinho in Sao Paulo.

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## Shantytown blaze

The fire started on Thursday in a vacant building and spread to the shantytown where about 200 homes were destroyed and one person was found dead, according to local media reports.

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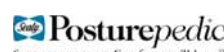


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► Syringes wait to be used at a vaccination centre in Montreal, on Nov. 6, 2009.

## Adult vaccinations are need of the hour

► Study says doctors must inform, educate patients

A new study says adult Canadians aren't protecting themselves as well as they could against infectious diseases.

And the author says family doctors could help improve matters by moving adult vaccinations up from the bottom of the heap when it comes to practice priorities.

Dr. Vivien Brown of McMaster University in Hamilton says adults aren't being routinely immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases such as tetanus.

Brown says a national survey in 2006 found fewer than 47 per cent of adults were properly immunized for tetanus.

She calls the rate of vaccination with the pneumococcal vaccine abysmal; only 39 per cent of adults over 65 got that vaccine, which protects against serious infections in the lungs, blood and brain.

Her study was published in the journal Canadian Family Physician.

Brown says doctors have a responsibility to educate and inform patients so

that they can make good decisions. But doctors often don't have the time to run through a comprehensive preventive care checklist with each patient as they struggle to look after patients with acute and chronic health conditions.

She says, though, that both doctors and patients can do a better job. And patients should pay attention to the status of their immunizations in the way they do the drugs they take and their drug allergies, she said.

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## Trouble over 'boobie' bracelet

Controversy is stirring at a Catholic school in Woodstock, Ont., over bracelets supporting

breast-cancer awareness.

The bracelets read "I Love Boobies" and a 13-year-old student at St. Rita's Catholic School has been put on in-school suspension over them.

Kelly Millson has been urged by his parents to continue wearing them at school, but he says he is not allowed to be in class, in the hallways or anywhere other students are congregating.

But he did decide to take the bracelets off this week so he could go out for recess. School board superintendent Tamara Nugent says the decisions on dress code are made by each school's principal.

Several schools across Canada and the United States have banned the bracelets, deeming them inappropriate.

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# File it under bad gift ideas

- Company apologizes for labelling Mein Kampf as a 'perfect present'
- Found in store's politics section

A British bookstore chain has apologized after promoting Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf as the "perfect present" for Christmas.

Waterstone's issued an apology after several people spotted the anti-Semitic tome at a store in Huddersfield in West Yorkshire with a sales sticker saying the book is "the perfect present" and "essential gift for anyone

seeking to understand one of history's most despicable figures. A shocking read and vital warning for future generations."

The online version of the U.K.'s Jewish Chronicle newspaper reports seeing copies of the book displayed in Manchester, Cheshire and Liverpool.

A Waterstone's spokesperson told the Chronicle that the large

bookstore chain doesn't actively promote the book and its customers "are capable of forming their own opinions on whether to purchase it or not."

"You do raise a couple of instances where we have obviously got things wrong. The book should not be stocked in any politics section," the spokesperson said.

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## Odd news. Kids



► Twins Danielle, right, and Nicole Fisher, 23, delivered baby boys 13 minutes apart at Virtua Hospital Tuesday.

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## Double trouble

Danielle and Nicole Fisher were in adjacent rooms in the same New Jersey hospital when they had their boys within 13 minutes of each other. Their due dates were a month apart. The women were born within 12 minutes of each other 23 years ago.

## Toy jewels recalled by Health Canada

Health Canada is recalling more children's jewelry products after a sampling program turned up excessive lead in the products.

One recall involves metallic heart-shaped pendants and plastic bracelets imported from China and sold by Toy Land Co. of Vancouver.

The other involves a Writer's Block necklace with love, peace and globe charms made by Jude M Designs of India and sold in Canada by Liquidation World Inc. of Brantford, Ont. Consumers should immediately take any recalled jewelry products away from children and dispose of them after contacting their municipality for instructions on disposing items containing lead.

For more information, consumers may contact Toy Land Company toll-free 1-800-668-6388.

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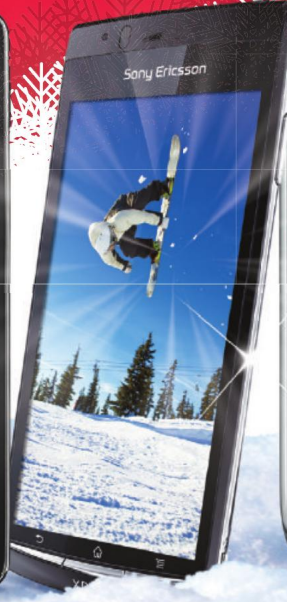
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## Hitch. Hiker



► A man tries to catch a ride to Namur, Belgium, while trade-union members block a main boulevard in Brussels on Thursday. A 24-hour pre-Christmas public-sector strike to protest pension reform hit rail, road and bus traffic across Belgium.

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## Protest hinders holiday travellers

Holiday strikes to protest austerity measures paralyzed ground traffic in Belgium, delayed flights in Paris, and promised days of headaches for Christmas travellers around Europe.

## TSX regulator plans to expedite enforcement

► Ottawa can have national regulator with support of all provinces ► Quebec, Alberta and B.C. not on board

Canada's largest stock market watchdog is moving ahead with plans to speed up enforcement and says it will be business as usual with other provinces after the Supreme Court

scrapped a planned national securities regulator.

Ontario Securities Commission chairman Howard Wetston said Thursday the regulator is focused on the best interests of its own in-

vestors and companies, though it will review a Supreme Court ruling that quashed the federal plan.

The regulator of Canada's dominant stock exchange — the TSX — has been developing new rules aimed at speeding up enforcement for securities law cases such as insider trading. "We are currently dealing with important policy, enforcement, market infrastructure and other matters that will require our full commitment," Wetston said in a statement.

The Supreme Court turned down Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's plan as unconstitutional, which effectively puts an end to a years-long push for a unified body to oversee capital markets. The court acknowledged Ottawa has a role in addressing systemic risk to the financial system.

Ontario supported the idea of a national regulator. Several provinces said they would work to strengthen the current passport system where participating provinces recognize securities filings in other jurisdictions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Consumers reluctant to purchase big-ticket items

The Conference Board of Canada's latest consumer confidence numbers are back to where they were around the height of the 2008-2009 recession, a troubling sign of what's to come for the economy in 2012.

The Ottawa think-tank said Thursday its Index of Consumer Confidence posted a 6.5-point drop in December, bringing 2011 to a "disappointing" close and signalling that further belt-tightening by Canadians.

"We've always seen a link between the consumer confidence level today and consumer spending six months down the road," said board economist Todd Crawford in an interview.

Canadians tend to think their economy is based mainly on exports — and those do play a big role — but a decline in consumer spending is not to be taken lightly, Crawford said.

"I think that's why most

people, and certainly us, are expecting (gross domestic product) growth in Canada to slow over the next two to three quarters."

At 69.9, the index is at its lowest point in more than two and a half years and down 11.1 points from the end of 2010.

The board uses a 2002 base of 100 in compiling the index, which reflects how Canadians feel about the economy, job creation, future major purchases and their personal finances.

The board said opinion eroded on all four questions, but responses to the major purchases question were particularly gloomy.

In December, just 34.1 per cent of respondents said now is a good time to buy a big-ticket item, down 1.9 percentage points from November and the eighth consecutive monthly decline. More worrisome is that 54 per cent said now is

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a bad time to make a major purchase, up 3.5 percentage points from last month and more than 10 points higher than a year ago.

More than 27 per cent of respondents said they expected fewer jobs — the highest level since 2009.

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## Household debt, pricey housing threaten Canadian economy: IMF

A combination of high household debt, overpriced housing and external economic problems are putting Canada's recovery at risk, the International Monetary Fund is warning.

The most serious risk is the global environment, particularly the potential for Europe's sovereign debt issues to spiral out of control. That view is shared by Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and Finance

Minister Jim Flaherty.

The situation may be made worse because households are carrying high loads of debt — 153 per cent of disposable income in the latest data — and, the IMF says, Canadian homes are on average 10 per cent overpriced.

"Adverse macroeconomic shocks ... could result in significant job losses, tighter lending conditions, and declines in house

prices, triggering a protracted period of weak private consumption as households reduce their debt," the Washington-based financial organization says.

If that should happen, the IMF said it would be "appropriate" for federal and provincial governments to return to temporary stimulus spending to brake the fall.

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### Saskatoon scoops .xxx domains

The City of Saskatoon has purchased six Internet domain names ending in .xxx, including Saskatoon.xxx, which were created for the adult entertainment industry. Kevin Peacock with the city says it's about protecting the brand and image of Saskatoon. The domain names cost taxpayers nearly \$1,000 to hold for two years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### EU debt crisis ups German immigration

Figures show that immigration to Germany from countries hard hit by Europe's economic woes rose sharply in the first six months of the year. The statistical office says the number of Greek citizens moving to Germany rose by 84 per cent to about 8,900, while the number of Spaniards from January to June rose 49 per cent to 7,250. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Earnings up across Canada: StatsCan

Average weekly earnings of non-farm payroll employees increased 1.4 per cent to \$885.36 in October. Statistics Canada reports average weekly earnings were up 2.7 per cent from a year earlier. The agency says the average work week was unchanged from October 2010 at 33.0 hours. Earnings rose in every province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**





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# PIPPA AND PERILS OF 2011

## THE METRO LIST

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**1 Royal wedding:** Two billion people watched Will and Kate tie the knot — and Pippa Middleton's derriere become world famous.

**2 Steve Jobs:** The visionary Apple co-founder died at age 56, having led a dramatic cultural and technological transformation.

**3 Lindsay Lohan:** Lohan salvaged a terrible year with the law — and her career — by appearing on Playboy's bestselling cover (which also made Playboy relevant again).

**4 Lady Gaga:** She arrived at the Grammys being carried in a huge egg. Which is what you do when you're trying really hard to be cool.

**5 Ashton Kutcher & Demi Moore:** They break up — and in keeping with relationship etiquette in the Social Media Age, unfollow each other on Twitter.

**6 Kim Kardashian:** The woman famous for no reason has a marriage that only lasts 72 days for some reason. Oh yeah — it was her naked yoga instructor.

**7 Weinergate:** Congressman Anthony Weiner tweets a photo of his penis by mistake, resulting in countless "wiener" jokes, a scandal — and, naturally, his resignation.

**8 Margaret Atwood:** A public feud between Atwood and Toronto city councillor Doug Ford (Mayor Rob's older bro) leads to a cheeky "Atwood for Mayor" campaign.

**9 Amy Winehouse:** Joins the "27 club," a group of seminal musicians like Kurt Cobain, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison who died at age 27.

**10 Martha Stewart:** Martha Stewart tweets, "Do you think I am hip?" That's one of the tweets of the year.

**11 Kate Gosselin:** Her reality show is cancelled, and her kids now live in peace. As one blog noted, "(The kids) know not the craven greed machine they were plugged into."

**12 Tim Tebow:** The devout Christian NFL QB with an unorthodox throwing style who people keep saying will fail just keeps winning. And Tebowmania and "Tebowing" goes viral.

**13 Charlie Sheen:** After getting fired from Two and a Half Men, the troubled Sheen launches a bizarre Violent Torpedo Of Truth tour. Thankfully, he's off whatever Kool-Aid he was on.

**14 @bronzzoocobra:** A cobra escapes a zoo and someone creates a hilarious Twitter account that goes viral, tweeting its time on the run. (Other awesome Twitter accounts like @S-tGirlsSay also go viral this year.)

**15 Piers Morgan:** Morgan replaces the legendary Larry King on CNN but has the makings of a legend himself with his intelligent hardball-with-a-cheeky-grin Q & A style.

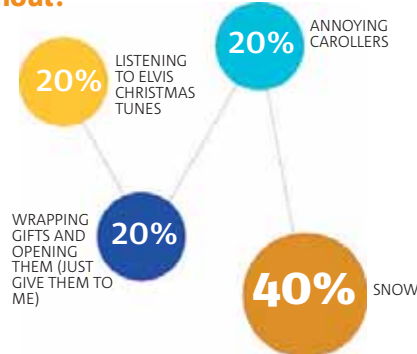
**16 Kissing Couple:** During the riots in Vancouver, post-NHL final, an image of a couple lying on a tear-gas-filled street having a tender kiss with riot police around gets circulated throughout the world — becoming one of 2011's iconic images.

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**What holiday tradition could you do without?**



### Local tweets



► **@BrentPaskoski:** In Calgary, a merge sign

means you stick your head out your car window to see if it's safe to go.

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"http://twitter.com/#!/search?q=%23YYC" #YYC.

► **@buzzbishop:** I look forward to the day #yyc infrastructure catches up with the population.

#gongshow

► **@BSchlec:** Ok #yyc... most overused word of 2011?

My vote is "OCCUPY" followed closely by "CONCUSSION" What's your

vote? #overusedword2011  
► **@Pope\_Lando:** Great tip from the #YYC airport authority: plan ahead for major accidents that would close Deerfoot Tr. It's just common sense people.

► **@ChelseaBalsdon:** Was just part of a #Christmas #FLASH #MOB in #BowValleySq. What a blast. Now to wait for video #YYC #Calgary #Downtown

► **@susanjsohn:** Accident in #YYC on Glenmore causing back ups. Makes me feel like I'm back in #LA.

► **@jessiiicaa:** Traffic on Deerfoot?! Nothing new #yyc.

## The karate keeper



### Goalie and 'fan' clash on pitch

AMSTERDAM. Film buffs will say he took those moves straight out of 2001 martial-arts/sports movie mashup Shaolin Soccer. This striking image shows goalie Esteban Alvarado Brown, right, of AZ Alkmaar retaliate as he is attacked by a football hooligan during the Dutch cup match between Ajax and AZ Alkmaar.

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### "He walked to (the hooligan) and kicked him multiple times."

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ON WHY HE SENT OFF ALVARADO



### How the kung fu soccer unfolded

TIMELINE. The drunk Ajax "fan," 19, invaded the pitch and launched a flying kick towards the Costa Rican goalkeeper. Alvarado lashed out a series of his own kicks before security dragged the supporter away. After the goalie was given a red card for misconduct, Alkmaar's angry coach Gertjan Verbeek ordered his team to leave the pitch. ● METRO WORLD NEWS



## Synopsis

Since first being published in December 1843 Charles Dickens's story of Ebenezer Scrooge's emotional transformation from hoarder to Ho Ho-er has been presented in many forms. A Christmas Carol has been adapted into opera, ballet, a Broadway musical and even a mime show starring Marcel Marceau. On film there have been at least 28 versions of the story and dozens more for television. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the best big screen versions of the classic story.



► A Christmas Carol remains a popular story to put to film — with at least 28 versions out there.

## Reel Guys

**RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN**

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# Bah, humbug!

- Sim, Murray and Carrey have all played the miser who finds redemption
- Crouse and Breslin debate the best movie version of A Christmas Carol

**Richard:** Mark, there is only one must-see out of all the dozens of film and TV versions of the Charles Dickens classic and that's the 1951 Alastair Sim version. Nearly perfect in every way, it is a tale of redemption that confirms the fundamental spiritual nature of Christmas itself. In other words, it makes us feel good. Accept no substitutes. If, however, you've already seen it this year or you're allergic to black and white movies, there are alternatives.

**MB:** Richard, you are so right. The movie HAS to be in black and white to

make us feel the spirit of Dickensian deprivation. It's the classic. But growing up in a Jewish household, it didn't have any importance to me as a child. I discovered it much later, and was transfixed by its narrative power and perfectly gloomy mood. May I contrast this with the Jim Carrey version? Now that's a movie with no sense of mystery, and a buffoonish interpretation of the lead character. I feel sorry for children who grow up with this bloated, CGI-laden excuse for a classic. Richard, please don't tell me you like it!

**RC:** Before I saw the Jim Carrey version of A Christmas Carol I wondered why remake a story that has been done so often and so well in the past. I've seen it and I'm still wondering. The weirdly lifeless animation was creepy, akin to a Christmas story performed by zombies.

**MB:** Let me praise Bill Murray's version Scrooged. It's far from authentic, light years away from Dickens, but it makes its points in a very modern way. Bill Murray is great in it, and the writing is sharp and satirical. Setting it in the milieu of the television industry

obviously changes the mood of the original, but as long as you see the movie as an interesting and successful riff upon the original story, and not as a substitute for it, it's a great movie for the season.

**RC:** I agree. It's become a must see for me every year. Although I don't have to see The Muppets Christmas Carol every year, it is a treat to see Michael Caine as Scrooge. I also like the musical Scrooge with Albert Finney in the lead.

**MB:** I've never seen it! I sure hope they gave Tiny Tim a tap solo.

## Scene in brief



If you're experiencing a joy overload on Christmas Day, revel in some apocalyptic fare at the movie theatre. The Darkest Hour opens Dec. 25. The film follows five people in Moscow fighting an alien race who have attacked Earth via our power supply.

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## Movie reviews

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**We Bought a Zoo****Genre:** Comedy**Director:** Cameron Crowe**Stars:** Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson, Thomas Haden Church

🌐🌐🌐 Cameron Crowe might not seem on surface the first choice for a family friendly comedy, but a closer look at his work — from *Almost Famous* to *Jerry Maguire* — proves otherwise. Crowe's pictures almost always deal with family situ-

ations, mostly unorthodox, but always gripped by truth and sentimentality. His adaptation of the best-selling book, *We Bought a Zoo*, is really just another Crowe joint: melancholy yet joyous, optimistic and truthful. Matt Damon is in fine form as the still-aching widow who moves his two children to a dilapidated country zoo and he's matched by Scarlett Johansen as a feisty zookeeper. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

**War Horse****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Steven Spielberg**Stars:** Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson

🌐🌐🌐 A book-turned-play-turned Steven Spielberg epic, *War Horse* is a manipulated but multilayered telling of the First World War through the eyes of a tempestuous thoroughbred. Combin-

ing several characters from both sides of the battle, Spielberg overextends his focus on sentimentality but as he's proved in *Saving Private Ryan*, nobody crafts cinematic combat scenes better and the auteur succeeds most notably with a stunningly filmed cavalry charge that outlines the harrowing carnage of war. **STEVE GOW**

**The Artist****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Michel Hazanavicius**Stars:** Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo, John Goodman

🌐🌐🌐 Black and white; silent; set in silent-era Hollywood; and subtitled, *The Artist* may not scream mainstream must see, but it's one of the year's most gloriously memorable films. This French jewel is magical, pure and dreamy on

the surface, blazing emotion and irrevocable change underneath. Dujardin is Valentin, the toast of Tinseltown, a matinee idol who charms the birds out of the fake trees that line Mulholland Drive. But he's about to lose it all if he can't make the cut to sound. *The Artist* feels like a fairy tale, something you're watching in a theatre and it is 1927. **ANNE BRODIE**

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# Top 10 TIFF films of 2011

- Find out who made the list for the top movies of 2011 from TIFF
- Did your favourite make the list?

Now that Santa's naughty and nice list has been put away for another year, it's time to have a look at another list, Canada's Top 10, the Toronto International Film Festival's annual tally of the best Canadian features. In alphabetical order, here are the winners as chosen by a panel of industry experts.

## Café de flore

The main pleasure in this story about the uncompromising power of true love is watching Vanessa Paradis throw glamour out the window and deliver a gritty, but lovingly rendered performance as a protective mother.

**A Dangerous Method**

Here two pioneering psychoanalysts, played by Michael Fassbender and Viggo Mortensen, have a falling out over an intelligent, beautiful but troubled patient (Keira Knightley). The movie is an enticing stew of psychosexuality and repression that challenges commonly held beliefs about what is normal and what is not.

## Edwin Boyd

The story of Canada's John Dillinger is an entertaining romp through three decades in the life of a notorious homegrown folk hero.

## Hobo With a Shotgun

This is like what would have happened if Roger



► Monsieur Lazhar makes the list of TIFF favourites from 2011.

Corman made Death Wish with a fake blood budget the size of a James Cameron movie.

## Keyhole

Guy Maddin's homage to 1930's gangster melodramas is exactly what we expect from the eccentric

director. It's an expressionistic, beautifully grotesque story that demands multiple viewings.

## Marécages

This lush looking story of the hardships of rural life and keeping a family together is slow moving but

rewarding.

## Monsieur Lazhar

Canada's official entry to the Oscar race, this schoolroom drama — think To Sir with Love, with a suicide subplot — is one of the best films of the year, Canadian or otherwise.

## Starbuck

A charming movie about a man — winningly played by Patrick Huard — who discovers his sperm bank donations unwittingly made him the father of 533 children, 142 of whom have filed a class action lawsuit to learn their biological father's real identity.

## Take This Waltz

This second feature from director Sarah Polley is a bittersweet Canadian kitchen sink drama about being trapped in a marriage with someone who can't speak his mind.

## Le Vendeur

This looks at what happens to life in a small town when the largest employer is about to shut down. It is a Main Street drama seen through the eyes of a kindly car salesman.

● RICHARD CROUSE

-Peter Travers  
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# Top 5 ladies to look out for

## GINA CARANO

How does a mixed martial-artist end up as the lead in a Steven Soderbergh indie spy thriller? And with a supporting cast that includes acting heavyweights Ewan McGregor, Michael Fassbender and Michael Douglas? She kicks ass, obviously.



### Did you know?

“It’s so satisfying watching her beat the (expletive) out of the cast,” Soderbergh told The

Playlist blog about Carano.

He caught her on TV one night and thought, Why has no one made a movie with her?

## ELIZABETH OLSEN

The Olsen Twins’ younger sister got a major headstart in 2011 with her impressive performance in indie cult film *Martha Marcy May Marlene* and this thoughtful, wide-eyed actress will continue the momentum with *Liberal Arts*, written and directed by *How I Met Your Mother* star Josh Radnor. She’ll also appear in the horror flick *Silent House* (March 9) and paranormal thriller *Red Lights* alongside Robert De Niro and Cillian Murphy.



## LILY COLLINS

The spawn of Sussudio impresario Phil Collins already had her coming out party in 2011 with roles in *Abduction* and *Priest*. This year the 22-year-old has a starring role in Tarsem Singh’s lighthearted take on the *Snow White* fairytale in *Mirror Mirror* (March 16th) co-starring Julia Roberts, along with prominent roles in *The English Teacher* co-starring Julianne Moore and sci-fi film *The Mortal Instrument*.

## ANDREA RISEBOROUGH

Thank the Material Girl herself, Madonna, for bringing this English Rose to the forefront in 2012. Riseborough will start off the year with her lauded performance in Madge-directed feature *W.E.* (Feb. 3) as controversial paramour to King Edward the 8th, Wallis Simpson. She’ll stay at the forefront with IRA thriller *Shadow Dancer*, as well as *Disconnect*, co-starring True Blood babe Alexander Skarsgard and Jason Bateman — finishing it off with English crime thriller *Welcome to the Punch*.



## TAYLOR SCHILLING

Oh, to star in a Nicholas Sparks book adaptation. Though she may’ve been the lead in failed TV show *Mercy* and dead-on-arrival *Atlas Shrugged: Part One* as lead character Dagny Taggart, somebody in Hollywood has some faith in this American 27-year-old. She’s been cast opposite Zac Efron in *The Lucky One* (April 20), a romance about an Iraq war veteran who goes in search of the woman whose photo became his good luck charm while fighting in the war. Schilling will also star in Ben Affleck-directed political thriller *Argo* in 2012.



# And let’s not forget the guys ...



## MICHAEL FASSBENDER

We’re not going to hide our partiality to this Irish-German export, 34, who was ubiquitous in 2011 with an impressive four releases,

including *X-Men: First Class* and *Jane Eyre*. His upcoming spy flick with director Steven Soderbergh, *Haywire* (Jan. 20), combined with all the awards-season buzz he’s been getting for his performance in 2011’s *Shame* will propel Fassbender to A-List by the time his sci-fi film *Prometheus*, a semi-prequel to *Alien*, is released in the summer (June 8).



## CHRIS DIAMANTOPOULOS

We finally learned how to spell Galifianakis, so it’s about time another

comedic actor with an impossibly lengthy Greek last name take the scene by storm. Audiences first got to meet D-what’s-his-face on the American sitcom *Up All Night* but the Greco-Canadian actor will get even more exposure this spring (April 13) with the release of *The Three Stooges*, in which he plays Moe, the only Stooge with a passable haircut.



## JOSH HUTCHERSON

This 19-year-old actor has been working steadily in Hollywood, but it’ll be the March 23 release of the highly anticipated film adaptation of *The Hunger*

Games that makes him a star. While we can’t promise he’ll be the next Robert Pattinson — sorry, RPatZ will always have a special vampire lair in our hearts — the series’ rabid fanbase will give Hutcherson a fast pass to megastardom. Especially because it’s a romantic lead. (For younger kids, he’s also in 2012’s *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island*.)

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63. Instead of pushing through the **Boxing Day** shopping crowds, **GO** through the snow **SKIING** or **SNOWBOARDING**.
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**The Dark Knight Rises**

We're just as curious to see how Christopher Nolan rounds out his trilogy of Batman films — he insists this is the final chapter — as we are to see if *The Dark Knight Rises* can come close to matching the \$1 billion that 2008's *The Dark Knight* pulled in worldwide. Christian Bale is back as Batman, along with Michael Caine as Alfred and Gary Oldman as Commissioner Gordon, and for this go round they're joined by newcomers Tom Hardy (as Bane) and Catwoman Anne Hathaway. Due in July. **NED EHRBAR**



► *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* is probably the most anticipated film of 2012. Peter Jackson and old friends reunite in this prequel, which is due in December.

# Year of the superhero?

► From comic book films to literary adaptations, 2012 looks very promising

**The Avengers**

After great turns in their own films in 2011, Captain America (Chris Evans) and Thor (Chris Hemsworth) join up with Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner) and the Hulk (Mark Ruffa-

lo) for the ensemble flick Marvel Studios has been building to since Samuel L. Jackson popped up after the credits of 2008's *Iron Man*. And while the first trailer might just look like an ad for *Iron Man 3*, having director Joss Whedon (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) at the helm is keeping hopes high. Due in May.

**The Hunger Games and Twilight finale**

With the *Twilight* saga wrapping up at the end of 2012, all eyes are on Lionsgate's adaptation of Suzanne Collins' bestselling teen dystopia to fill the void. There are three books in the *Hunger Games* series, but if the first movie is a hit, don't be surprised if the latter chapters start getting split up into multiple films. Jennifer Lawrence stars. Due in March.

**The Amazing Spider-Man**

Exactly 10 years after Tobey Maguire first crawled up his first wall, the web-slinger saga is starting over, this time with Andrew Garfield (*The Social Network*) suiting up as Spider-Man and director Marc Webb (*500 Days of Summer*) behind the camera. The new version promises to be darker and grittier than the last run, but with Spider-Man 3 just five years behind it, will audiences be interested in the franchise reboot? Due in July.



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# From backstage to front street

► Once an after thought, now a Golden Globe nominee, Octavia Spencer wants to be beacon of hope for actors

After 15 years as a rank-and-file actor, Octavia Spencer is stepping into Hollywood's gilded spotlight.

The 39-year-old actress was nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Golden Globe for her turn as sassy maid Minny Jackson in *The Help*.

Her co-stars Viola Davis and Jessica Chastain also earned acting nods from both groups, and the film is up for best picture at the Globes and best ensemble at the SAG Awards.

"The only word I can really use to describe this feeling is overwhelming," she said.

"It is overwhelming and wonderful."

Though Spencer said she tried not to "invest emotionally" in Hollywood's awards process because "I just didn't want



► Octavia Spencer

anything to diminish what we've all been able to accomplish," she was moved to tears by the SAG and Globes recognition.

"No matter what happens, the fact that we've

had some stardust rain down on us over the past couple of days, it's just, it's pretty..." she paused, collected herself, "overwhelming."

She lauded director and

screenwriter Tate Taylor, her longtime friend, and the cast mates she now considers family, including Davis.

"I'm thrilled for Viola," she said. "I consider myself

## Friends

How it got a little Help.

► **Relationship** Tate Taylor was lifelong friends with author Kathryn Stockett and got the rights to the book before it was published, but with only one feature film to his credit, most studios refused to work with him. Finally, producer Chris Columbus signed on, then DreamWorks. *The Help* was a hit when it was released over the summer and has been showered with honours ever since.

a rank-and-file actor who's been kicking the can around for 15 years. Viola is a trained Juilliard actress who has been doing stage and now the world is

getting to see what she can do... I'm glad that she's having her moment and she deserves this moment."

Spencer's kicking the can has included numerous appearances in such TV series as *Ugly Betty*, *Big Bang Theory*, *CSI*, *Just Shoot Me!*, *Chicago Hope* and *The X-Files*, and in the feature films *What Planet Are You From?*, *Halloween II* and *The Sky is Falling*. Upcoming features include *Lost on Purpose*, *Smashed*, *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* and *Girls! Girls! Girls!*

But *The Help* is by far her highest-profile project to date — and the result of love and perseverance, Spencer said, noting the novel was rejected 60 times before it became a bestseller.

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**With two days to go, what do you get the music fan on your list?**

Let's assume for a second that there will be some envelopes under the tree Christmas morning. You could do the responsible

thing and apply whatever cash you get to the post-Christmas debts — remember that CPP takes its annual chunk out of your paycheck as of January 1! — or use it for an RRSP contribution.

But let's be honest:

you're going to do neither. Instead, you'll contribute to the retail economy by recycling that cash on things that...well, things that you think you need but really don't. In fact, no one actually needs any of these things.

### **The Drum Machine T-Shirt (\$30)**

You might have heard about those t-shirts that allow you to strum rudimentary chords when you pass your hand across the front. This is just the next logical step in wearable instruments.

### **The iHorn (\$540)**

Inspired by the acoustic principles used in old-school gramophone horns, these things may require rearranging the furniture, but if these things are even on your radar, chances are you've already got a place that's way too big already.

### **The Speaker Vest (\$850)**

If you thought the guy on the bus listening to music at high volume through leaky headphones was annoying, just wait until you meet up with someone using one of these. The good news is that the low frequencies coming from the subwoofer will probably stop his heart.

### **Sex Pistols' God Save the Queen 7-inch on A&M (\$16,200)**

A mint copy of one of the precious few copies rescued from the A&M warehouse after the band was dropped after just five days recently went up for sale through the collectors' site, iNuke (\$30,000)

If the iHorn is too wee-  
nie for you, then you need to step up to this 700-

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pound, 10,000-watt iPhone/iPod speaker dock. No, none of the numbers in the preceding is a typo.

### **A Street-Legal Race Car Inspired by a Bjork Video (\$125,000)**

Lest you think that Bjork can't live down that swan dress, take a look at the BAC Mono, a single-seat street-legal track. This thing wouldn't exist had its designers not been inspired by the video for Bjork's All Is Full of Love.

And although all 50 copies for 2011 have been sold out, the manufacture can promise delivery for 2013. Perhaps you should put that Christmas money aside after all.

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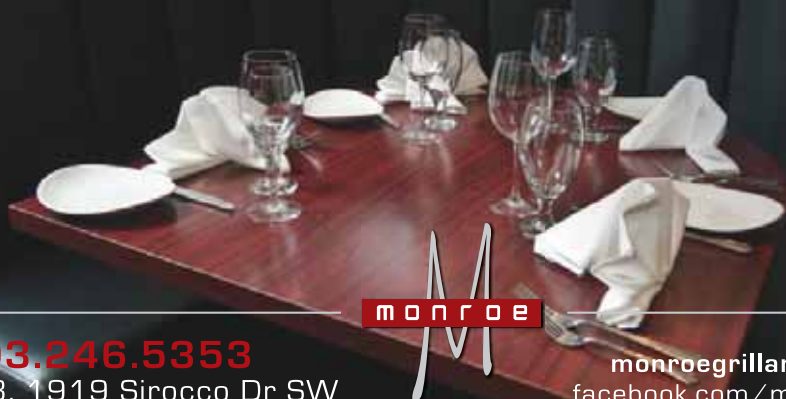
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# Just because he wears lots of eyeliner...

► Adam Lambert gets into a gay bar brawl in Helsinki

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Well, this is awesome: Former American Idol star Adam Lambert was arrested and briefly jailed in Finland after reportedly getting into a gay bar brawl with his boyfriend, Finnish Big Brother star Sauli Koskinen, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Lambert is in Helsinki to spend Christmas with Koskinen's family, and the couple was out drinking with Finnish beauty queen and ex-Miss Helsinki Sofia Ruusila when an argument between the two men turned violent, causing them to be kicked out of the bar.

Their fight continued in the street, where Lambert reportedly hit Ruusila by mistake, she told a Finnish entertainment channel. Lambert and Koskinen were arrested and questioned for sever-



► Adam Lambert

al hours before being released Thursday afternoon.

Finnish beauty queens, gay bar fights, jail time — and here you thought

you'd have an interesting Christmas break if your mother had two glasses of wine instead of her usual one. Adam Lambert for the win!

## Ryan and Blake hit Vancouver for family time

Ryan Reynolds treated Blake Lively to some pre-holiday family time while the couple were in Vancouver this week, according to Us Weekly.

After shopping for toys and cupcakes earlier in the

day, the pair joined Reynolds' mother and brother for dinner at Tojos restaurant. Sources who spotted Lively and Reynolds around town say they were "really friendly" but kept to themselves. ● METRO



► Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds

## Is Jamie Bell looking for a ring?

The rekindled romance must be working, because Jamie Bell and Evan Rachel Wood are reportedly thinking about marriage.

"They have been shopping for rings for at least a month," a source tells Us Weekly.



► Jamie Bell and Rachel Wood

And the two certainly aren't afraid of commitment, as they reportedly got matching tattoos during their initial courtship in 2006.

"Evan and Jamie were really young and just getting going in their careers when they first met and

they just weren't ready," another source tells Radar Online.

"Now that they are older and both excelling in their professional lives, I think they feel ready to take their relationship to the next level."

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## Kutcher moves on

Ashton Kutcher is apparently making the most of his newly single status, as the Two and a Half Men star was spotted hanging out with three young women in Berlin this week, where he's reportedly researching a new business venture, according to Hollyscoop.

Kutcher and the three women were spotted getting into his chauffeur-driven car together, though he was later seen heading into an apartment with just one of them, a brunette.

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► Ashton Kutcher

## Celebrity tweets



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Kim Jung Un has some small shoes to fill.

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► Jay-Z and Beyoncé

## No Xmas TV at Beyoncé's house

Beyoncé says she and Jay-Z are looking forward to enjoying the holidays free from the glare of television.

"I will be with family. We are both so busy throughout the year that Christmas is just a time to relax with family and count the many

blessings in your life," the pregnant pop star says, according to Contact Music.

"Christmas Day is a no-TV zone. We just like to sit and talk together as a family."

She also admits that being expectant parents will likely have an effect on the gifts they buy each other: "We both keep seeing super-cute stuff for the baby, so I am sure even our presents for each other will involve the baby in some way," she says.

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# 3 life

## Tenderloin Tip



The cut of meat in this recipe is very important. When you head to the meat counter, be sure to specify that you want a centre-cut tenderloin. This will ensure that you don't get a roast that contains several pieces of tenderloin pressed together.

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Some common sense can help keep food healthy and safe during the festive season

## Perfect turkey supporters



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As sure as the Grinch stole Christmas, it's a given that we'll all receive at least one bottle of wine as a gift from a co-worker, guest or neighbour over the holiday season.

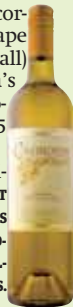
In my house, I pick the wines that go with Xmas dinner so — while much appreciated — anything that shows up at the door goes into the wine rack for future enjoyment.

Of course, considering how my family can plow through my wine selection, it would be nice if more of the freebies came with a roast turkey match in mind.

For reds, bring a plump New World pinot noir from California or Canada, a chocolaty old vines zinfandel (also from Cali.) or, for a slightly unconventional Old World partner, a Crianza or Reserva from Spain's Rioja region.

On the white side, think a not so oaky chardonnay from Australia or Chile, a German riesling or a rich, multi-blend like the ripe, refreshing cornucopia of grape flavours (five in all) that is California's Caymus 2009 Coundrum (\$23.95 - \$29.99).

Happy holidays! **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



# Happy healthy holidays

► This Beef Wellington contains just 11 grams of fat and 328 calories

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## Preparation:

**1** Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Season beef liberally with salt and pepper.

**2** In sauté pan over medium-high, heat olive oil. When oil just smoking, add beef. Brown on all sides, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Once browned, remove beef and place on a rack to rest.

**3** Add garlic to hot pan and cook until lightly browned, 20 seconds. Add mushrooms and onion and cook until soft and tender and all liquid has evaporated, 10 mins. Season with salt and pepper and add 10 ml (2 tsp) of the thyme.

**4** Set aside 50 ml (1/4 cup) of mushroom-onion mix. Transfer rest to food processor and pulse to roughly chop until reduced to 5-mm (1/4-inch) pieces. Transfer to bowl and refrigerate 5 mins. Once slightly cooled, add spinach and egg whites and mix well.

**5** In bowl, stir pancake mix with just enough water, about 75 ml (1/3 cup), to moisten and make dough that holds together but is not sticky. On lightly floured surface, roll dough to a thin rectangle that is 5 cm (2 inches) longer than the beef roast. Place beef on dough. Spoon spinach and mushroom mix on



► This recipe serves eight.

top and sides of beef and pat down tightly. Fold dough up and over top of beef and spinach and crimp seams together.

**6** Place meat, seam side down, on baking sheet. Cut slits in top to vent. Bake 40 mins. or until centre registers 60 C (140 F). Remove from oven, cover with foil and let rest for 10 minutes.

**7** Meanwhile, place 2 of porcini chunks in a spice grinder and grind to fine powder. Place mushroom powder, remaining

whole porcini mushroom chunks and shredded jerky in a microwave-safe bowl with 500 ml (2 cups) of water. Microwave high until water is simmering. Let sit for 5 minutes and repeat.

**8** Pour Madeira into small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to boil and boil 5 mins. or until reduced by half. Pour dried mushroom and beef broth through fine mesh strainer into Madeira while pushing on jerky and mushrooms to extract as much liquid

## Ingredients:

- 900 g (32 oz) beef tenderloin, centre cut, trimmed of all visible fat
- Salt and black pepper
- 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 285 g (10 oz) button mushrooms, sliced
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced onion
- 12 ml (2 1/2 tsp) thyme
- 1 pkg (284 g/10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 2 egg whites, beaten
- 400 ml (1 2/3 cups) Bisquick Heart Smart Pancake and Baking Mix
- 5 chunks dried porcini mushrooms
- 22 ml (3/4 oz) beef jerky, finely shredded
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Madeira
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) arrowroot powder
- 10 ml (2 tsp) soy sauce

as possible. Remove whole pieces of porcini mushrooms and roughly chop; set aside. Discard jerky. Bring broth and Madeira mix to a boil.

**9** In bowl, combine arrowroot and 60 ml (4 tbsp) cold water. Mix and add to simmering sauce. Cook and stir 1 min or until sauce thickens. Add soy sauce, remaining thyme, reserved porcini and reserved mushroom and onion mix. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Slice roast into 8 even slices and arrange on a platter. Serve with sauce. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ROCCO DISPIRITO**

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Which one to get? That's mostly a matter of your budget.

If you have more than \$300 to spend, go for one of these full-size tablets. They have colour screens that are about nine inches diagonally, and they have built-in cameras.

## Apple 16GB iPad 2 (\$498.99 at Future Shop)

The device that made tablet computing mainstream still reigns, out-selling all others combined. It's thinner than competing tablets and has access to an unparalleled array of applications: Half a million, of which 140,000 are adapted for the iPad's 9.7-inch screen. That means more good games, more useful reference apps and more entertainment options. The range of third-party book apps also means the iPad beats dedicated e-readers at their own game by giving users the ability to read books purchased from any store.

## Sony S1 16GB Tablet (\$399.99 at Best Buy)

There are a slew of tablets from Samsung, Sony, LG and other manufacturers built around Google Inc.'s Android software. From a hardware standpoint, they are not much different from the iPad, though most of them are thicker.

The Tablet S stands out by including an infrared



\* A model plays a game on Sony's new Tablet S during a launch event in Tokyo.



\* The new Barnes & Noble Nook Tablet.



\* The Apple iPad 2.



\* The Amazon Kindle Touch 3G.

emitter, which makes it usable as a large universal remote control. It has a 9.4-inch screen, slightly smaller than the iPad's. It runs the latest version of Android, which is specially designed for tablets and is slick.

## ASUS 10.1" Eee Pad Transformer, 16GB (\$346 at Wal-Mart)

The Transformer is a rea-

sonably priced Android tablet that doubles as a "netbook," or small laptop, if you buy an accessory keyboard dock for \$109. The keyboard has a touchpad, extra ports and an additional power pack, which prolongs battery life.

## For those willing to travel

If you only want to spend \$200 US to \$250 US, go for

one of these e-reader/tablet hybrids, but they aren't yet available in Canada. They add movies, games and other applications to the e-reader's capabilities, so they are not just for bookworms.

## Amazon Kindle Fire (\$199 US)

The Fire is Amazon's first colour Kindle. It runs a highly modified, user-

friendly version of Android. The selection of apps is smaller than for other Android tablets, however.

## Barnes & Noble Nook Tablet (\$249 US)

The bookstore's answer to the Kindle Fire is an updated version of last year's Nook Color, a solid and successful e-reader. The Tablet has more memory than the Color or the Kindle Fire.

If your budget is limited to \$150, you will be tempted by some low-end colour tablets. But giving one away is like giving away a lump of coal: The colour touch screens that go into sub-\$200 devices look bad and have problems responding to fingers.

Instead, get one of these lightweight, quality e-readers with black-and-white "electronic ink" screens for the bookworm in your life

## Amazon Kindle Touch 3G (\$149 US)

Amazon still has a variety of monochrome Kindles, including its first touch-screen model. The screen is more legible than colour screens in bright daylight and uses very little power. But it's slow to respond, making navigation tedious.

## Barnes & Noble Nook Simple Touch (\$99 US)

This slim, light e-reader is very similar to the \$99 non-3G Kindle Touch. Barnes & Noble's version has two advantages: It doesn't display advertising, and it can load books from other bookstores, including Google Books. It can't load Kindle books, though.

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Cream liqueurs are a holiday

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### Skate Whisky (\$49.98-\$49.99)

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### Wyehwood Bah Humbug Christmas Ale (\$3.50-\$5.29)

Ebenezer Scrooge's sour puss may be on the label, but this malty English ale will have the beer fans carolling.

### The Kraken Black Spiced Rum (\$26.99-\$34.99)

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### THE WISH LIST

Use your Mobility mobile phone's notes option to put together a final list of

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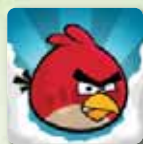
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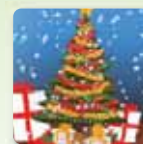
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Huawei U2801



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## Flames preview

**Calgary at Vancouver**  
Friday, 8 p.m.  
TV: SNET



Calgary (16-15-4) travels to Vancouver (21-12-1) after beating Detroit Thursday night. This is the third game between the Canucks and Flames so far this season. Vancouver won both previous games 5-1. Henrik and Daniel Sedin are back among the league scoring leaders after a strong December. Henrik has 40 points, while Daniel has 39.

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► Calgary's Roman Horak celebrates a third-period goal Thursday night as Detroit's Ian White, centre, and Ty Conklin look on.

# Flames hang on to down Red Wings

► Glencross scores twice, Kiprusoff makes 29 saves in win over Detroit

Curtis Glencross scored twice, including the game-winning goal, to lead the Calgary Flames to a 3-2 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday.

Glencross scored the winner at 5:47 of the second period when he broke into the Detroit zone on a two-on-one with Roman Horak. Instead of passing, Glencross fired a low shot that bounced off the post and in behind Conklin to put Calgary up 3-0.

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scored for the Flames (16-15-4), who won their second straight game and fifth in a row at home.

Jiri Hudler and Ian White scored third-period goals for the Red Wings (21-12-1), who suffered their second

straight setback. Detroit also lost 4-2 in Vancouver on Wednesday.

Miikka Kiprusoff made 29 saves for Calgary.

Ty Conklin stopped 24 shots for Detroit.

The Red Wings made a game of it in the third period. Hudler broke Kiprusoff's shutout bid at 4:55 when he cut to the slot through traffic and backhanded a shot past the Calgary netminder.

The Red Wings continued to pour on the pressure

and were rewarded when White's point shot deflected off the stick of Calgary forward Tom Kostopoulos and past Kiprusoff.

With less than two minutes left in the game, Detroit forward Henrik Zetterberg rang a shot off the post. Detroit coach Mike Babcock pulled Conklin from the net in favour of an extra attacker in the final minute, but the Flames managed to hang on for the narrow victory.

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## World junior gold 'earned, not given'

Canada is again a contender for gold at the world junior hockey championship, but the host country will have to fight off stiff challenges from the United States, Russia and Sweden.

Canada opens the 2012 world junior tournament Sunday in Edmonton against Finland, a dark horse in the race for gold.

Canadian teams have reached the final of this tournament every year for the last decade and won half of them. Fair or not, Canadians have come to depend on seeing their country in the championship game.

So the biggest challenge Canada's 2012 edition faces is avoiding a sense of entitlement in this tournament.

On the back of the players' T-shirts during selection camp in Calgary earlier this month was the slogan "earned, not given."

"There's no rule that we deserve gold every year," Canadian head coach Don Hay said. "Other countries want it too and there's other countries that believe they play the right way."

After a run of five straight gold, Canada lost in overtime to the U.S. in the 2010 final in Saskatoon and spectacularly collapsed in the 2011 final in Buffalo, N.Y., when Russia scored five unanswered goals in the third period to win 5-3.

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|----------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------|---------|------|
| d-Philadelphia | 33 | 21 | 8  | 2   | 2  | 116 | 95  | 46  | 8-5-1-1  | 13-3-1-1 | 8-1-0-1 | W1   |
| d-Boston       | 32 | 22 | 9  | 0   | 1  | 111 | 63  | 45  | 12-6-0-1 | 10-3-0-0 | 8-2-0-0 | W5   |
| d-Florida      | 35 | 18 | 10 | 3   | 4  | 94  | 90  | 43  | 8-3-1-4  | 10-7-2-0 | 5-2-2-1 | L2   |
| NY Rangers     | 32 | 20 | 8  | 1   | 3  | 95  | 70  | 44  | 9-3-0-2  | 11-5-1-1 | 6-3-0-1 | W3   |
| Pittsburgh     | 34 | 19 | 11 | 2   | 2  | 110 | 90  | 42  | 10-4-2-0 | 9-7-0-2  | 5-5-0-0 | W2   |
| Toronto        | 34 | 17 | 13 | 2   | 2  | 105 | 110 | 38  | 8-5-2-2  | 9-8-0-0  | 3-5-2-0 | W1   |
| Ottawa         | 35 | 17 | 14 | 2   | 2  | 110 | 120 | 38  | 10-7-0-1 | 7-7-2-1  | 5-3-1-1 | W3   |
| New Jersey     | 33 | 18 | 14 | 0   | 1  | 91  | 96  | 37  | 7-6-0-1  | 11-8-0-0 | 6-4-0-0 | L1   |
| Winnipeg       | 34 | 16 | 13 | 3   | 2  | 95  | 100 | 37  | 12-5-0-1 | 4-8-3-1  | 7-2-0-1 | W1   |
| Washington     | 32 | 17 | 14 | 0   | 1  | 95  | 97  | 35  | 11-5-0-1 | 6-9-0-0  | 5-5-0-0 | W1   |
| Buffalo        | 34 | 16 | 15 | 2   | 1  | 92  | 101 | 35  | 8-9-2-1  | 8-6-0-0  | 3-5-2-0 | L3   |
| Montreal       | 36 | 13 | 16 | 2   | 5  | 88  | 101 | 33  | 5-7-2-4  | 8-9-0-1  | 3-5-0-2 | L5   |
| Tampa Bay      | 33 | 14 | 17 | 0   | 2  | 89  | 114 | 30  | 8-5-0-0  | 6-12-0-2 | 3-7-0-0 | L1   |
| NY Islanders   | 32 | 11 | 15 | 4   | 2  | 74  | 103 | 28  | 6-8-3-0  | 5-7-1-2  | 4-4-2-1 | L1   |
| Carolina       | 35 | 10 | 19 | 4   | 2  | 89  | 120 | 26  | 6-10-0-2 | 4-9-4-0  | 2-6-2-0 | L2   |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

|             | GP | W  | L  | OTL | SL | GF  | GA  | Pts | Home     | Away     | Last 10 | Strk |
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| d-Chicago   | 35 | 22 | 9  | 1   | 3  | 118 | 102 | 48  | 12-2-0-3 | 10-7-1-0 | 8-1-0-1 | W1   |
| d-Minnesota | 36 | 20 | 11 | 2   | 3  | 86  | 82  | 45  | 10-4-1-2 | 10-7-1-1 | 4-4-0-2 | L6   |
| d-San Jose  | 31 | 18 | 10 | 2   | 1  | 93  | 76  | 39  | 11-6-1-0 | 7-4-1-1  | 5-3-1-1 | W3   |
| Vancouver   | 34 | 21 | 11 | 0   | 2  | 114 | 82  | 44  | 10-4-0-1 | 11-7-0-1 | 7-2-0-1 | W3   |
| Detroit     | 34 | 21 | 12 | 1   | 0  | 111 | 78  | 43  | 13-2-1-0 | 8-10-0-0 | 5-5-0-0 | L2   |
| St. Louis   | 33 | 19 | 10 | 0   | 4  | 84  | 72  | 42  | 13-3-0-1 | 6-7-0-3  | 6-2-0-2 | L1   |
| Nashville   | 34 | 18 | 12 | 3   | 1  | 92  | 93  | 40  | 9-5-2-1  | 10-7-0-0 | 7-3-0-0 | W1   |
| Dallas      | 33 | 19 | 13 | 0   | 1  | 86  | 93  | 39  | 10-5-0-1 | 9-8-0-0  | 6-4-0-0 | L1   |
| Phoenix     | 34 | 18 | 13 | 1   | 2  | 90  | 89  | 39  | 7-7-1-1  | 11-6-0-1 | 5-5-0-0 | W2   |
| Calgary     | 35 | 16 | 15 | 2   | 0  | 87  | 97  | 36  | 10-1-1-1 | 6-10-1-1 | 5-3-1-1 | W2   |
| Colorado    | 35 | 17 | 17 | 1   | 0  | 94  | 104 | 35  | 11-5-0-0 | 6-8-1-0  | 6-4-0-0 | W3   |
| Los Angeles | 33 | 15 | 14 | 2   | 2  | 72  | 81  | 34  | 8-9-0-1  | 7-5-2-1  | 4-6-0-0 | W1   |
| Edmonton    | 34 | 15 | 16 | 0   | 3  | 93  | 91  | 33  | 10-6-0-2 | 5-10-0-1 | 3-6-0-1 | W1   |
| Anaheim     | 33 | 9  | 19 | 2   | 3  | 78  | 110 | 23  | 7-9-1-0  | 2-10-1-3 | 3-6-1-0 | L3   |
| Columbus    | 34 | 9  | 21 | 1   | 3  | 85  | 117 | 22  | 6-10-1-1 | 3-11-0-2 | 3-6-1-0 | L4   |

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

## Last night's results

Toronto 3 Buffalo 2  
N.Y. Rangers 4 N.Y. Islanders 2  
Ottawa 4 Florida 3 (OT)  
Nashville 6 Columbus 5  
Winnipeg 4 Montreal 0  
Edmonton 4 Minnesota 1  
Calgary 3 Detroit 2  
Anaheim at Los Angeles  
**Wednesday's results**  
Vancouver 4 Detroit 2  
Chicago 5 Montreal 1  
Colorado 3 St. Louis 2  
Philadelphia 4 Dallas 1  
Phoenix 4 Carolina 3  
San Jose 7 Tampa Bay 2

## Tonight's games

Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Ottawa at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.  
Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
St. Louis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 24-25**  
**Holiday Break**  
No Games Scheduled.

**Penalties** — Weber Buf (interference) 11:24, Kadri Tor (tripping) 15:59.

## Shots on goal by

|         |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|
| Buffalo | 6  | 19 | 17 | 42 |
| Toronto | 12 | 12 | 7  | 31 |

**Goal** — Buffalo: Miller (L,8-7-2); Toronto: Reimer (W,6-3-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 1-6; Toronto: 0-6. **Referees** — Dean Morton, Kevin Pollock. **Linesmen** — Greg Devorski, Steve Miller. **Att.** — 19,473 (18,819) at Toronto.

## JETS 4, HABS 0

## First Period

1. Winnipeg, Wheeler 4 (Byfuglien, Enstrom) 3:18 (pp)  
2. Winnipeg, Glass 4 (Antropov, Wellwood) 13:13

**Penalties** — Gill Mtl (double high-sticking) 2:43.

## Second Period

3. Winnipeg, Wheeler 5 (Hainsey, Pavelec) 0:39

**Penalties** — Byfuglien Wpg (interference) 1:47, Thorburn Mtl (double high-sticking) 9:36.

Stuart Wpg (interference) 15:10, Enstrom Wpg (holding) 18:49.

## Third Period

4. Winnipeg, Stapleton 4 (Wheeler, Bogosian) 17:36

**Penalties** — None.

## Shots

|          |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Montreal | 6  | 16 | 5  | 27 |
| Winnipeg | 13 | 8  | 13 | 34 |

**Goal** — Montreal: Price (L,12-12-7); Winnipeg: Pavelec (W,12-11-15). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 0-5; Winnipeg 0-2.

**Referees** — Dan O'Halloran, Stephen Walkom.

**Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Mike Cvik.

**Att.** — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

## FLAMES 3, WINGS 2

## First Period

1. Calgary, Glencross 12 (Jokinen, Brodie) 16:10 (pp)

**Penalties** — Zetterberg Det (hooking) 12:04, Bertuzzi Det (hooking) 15:41.

## Second Period

2. Calgary, Comeau 2 (Morrison, Jackman) 1:30

3. Calgary, Glencross 13 (Bouwmeester) 5:47

**Penalties** — Sarich Cal (interference) 3:58, Holmstrom Det (goaltender interference) 4:32, Smith Cal (tripping) 10:12.

## Third Period

4. Detroit, Hudler 8 (Ericsson) 4:55

5. Detroit, White 5 (Datsyuk) 15:48

**Penalties** — None.

## Shots

|         |   |    |    |    |
|---------|---|----|----|----|
| Detroit | 5 | 11 | 15 | 31 |
| Calgary | 9 | 13 | 5  | 27 |

**Goal** — Detroit: Conklin (L,1-4-0); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,16-11-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Detroit: 0-2; Calgary: 1-3.

**Referees** — Mark Joannette, Tom Kowal.

**Linesmen** — Dan Henderson, Mark Wheeler.

**Att.** — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

## OILERS 4, WILD 1

## First Period

1. Edmonton, Eberle 14, 15:57 (pp)

2. Edmonton, Smyth 14 (Smid, Gilbert) 18:36

Missed penalty shot — Hall Edm, 19:48.

**Penalties** — Peters Minn (hooking) 5:04, Hordichuk Edm (goaltender interference) 8:10.

Stoner Minn (tripping) 10:37, Falk Minn (delay of game) 15:11, Eager Edm (boarding) 20:00.

## Second Period

3. Edmonton, Petrell 3, 1:40 (sh)

4. Edmonton, Eberle 15 (Nugent-Hopkins, Potter) 2:56

**Penalties** — Minnesota bench (too many men; served by Bouchard) 10:29, Gagner Edm (double high-sticking) 19:01.

## Third Period

5. Minnesota, Heatley 10 (Cullen, Spurgeon) 7:57

**Penalties** — Petrell Edm (checking from behind major) 2:50, Petrell Edm (game misconduct) 2:50.

## Shots

|           |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Minnesota | 3  | 13 | 15 | 31 |
| Edmonton  | 20 | 9  | 2  | 31 |

**Goal** — Minnesota: Backstrom (L,11-8-4); Edmonton: Khabibulin (W,11-8-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Minnesota: 0-5; Edmonton: 1-4.

**Att.** — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton

## HOCKEY

## 2012 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## All Times Eastern

## EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

## Last night's results

At Red Deer, Alta.

Canada 7 Switzerland 1

At Brooks, Alta.

Latvia vs. Denmark

At Lethbridge, Alta.

Russia vs. Czech Republic

Tonight's games

At Edmonton

Canada vs. Sweden, 9:30 p.m.

At Three Hills, Alta.

U.S. vs. Slovakia, 9 p.m.

## PRELIMINARY ROUND

Monday, Dec. 26

At Edmonton

Canada vs. Finland, 3:30 p.m.

U.S. vs. Denmark, 8 p.m.

At Calgary

Sweden vs. Latvia, 5:30 p.m.

Russia vs. Switzerland, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

At Edmonton

Denmark vs. Czech Republic, 8 p.m.

At Calgary

Latvia vs. Slovakia, 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

At Edmonton

Finland vs. U.S., 3:30 p.m.

Czech Republic vs. Canada, 8 p.m.

At Calgary

Switzerland vs. Sweden, 5:30 p.m.

Slovakia vs. Russia, 10 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29

At Edmonton

Canada vs. Denmark, 8 p.m.

At Calgary

Russia vs. Latvia, 10 p.m.

## ACTIVITY

## MLB

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Marquis on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named John Tamargo Jr. manager of Lansing (MWL); Mike Redmond manager of Dunedin (FSL) and Clayton McCullough manager of Vancouver (NWL). National League

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with C Rob Johnson on a minor league contract.

## NBA

NEW JERSEY NETS—Waived F Stephen Graham.

## NFL

NFL—Fined New York Jets LB Calvin Pace \$15,000 for an illegal hit on Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick in a Dec. 18 game.

## NHL

NHL—Suspended Pittsburgh D Deryk Engelland three games for an illegal check to the head of Chicago F Marcus Kruger during a Dec. 20 game.

## SOCCER

## ENGLAND

## PREMIER LEAGUE

## Yesterday's results

Tottenham 1 Chelsea 1

## SPAIN

## COPA DEL REY

## Yesterday's results

## Fourth Round

## Second Leg

Valencia 4, Cadiz 0 (Valencia advances 4-0 on aggregate)

Barcelona 9, Hospitalet 0 (Barcelona advances 10-0 on aggregate)

## FOOTBALL

## U.S. COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE

## All Times ET

## Last night's result

MAACO BOWL

At Las Vegas

Boise State vs. Arizona State

Tomorrow's game

HAWAII BOWL

At Honolulu

Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 26

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

At Shreveport, La.

North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL

At Detroit

Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 4:30 p.m.

Belk Bowl

At Charlotte, N.C.

North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

MILITARY BOWL

At Washington

Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY BOWL

At San Diego

Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 8 p.m.

NBA

PRE-SEASON

Last night's results

Atlanta 92 Charlotte 75

Denver at Phoenix

Wednesday's results

Orlando 104 Miami 100

Boston 81 Toronto 73

New York 88 New Jersey 82

New Orleans 95 Memphis 80

Minnesota 85 Milwaukee 84

San Antonio 97 Houston 95

Utah 92 Portland 89

L.A. Clippers 108 L.A. Lakers 103

Tonight's games

No games scheduled

## NFL

## WEEK 16

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

## EAST

| EAST          |    |   |   |      |     |     |
|---------------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
|               | W  | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
| y-New England | 11 | 3 | 0 | .786 | 437 | 297 |
| N.Y. Jets     | 8  | 6 | 0 | .571 | 346 | 315 |
| Miami         | 5  | 9 | 0 | .357 | 286 | 269 |
| Buffalo       | 5  | 9 | 0 | .357 | 311 | 371 |



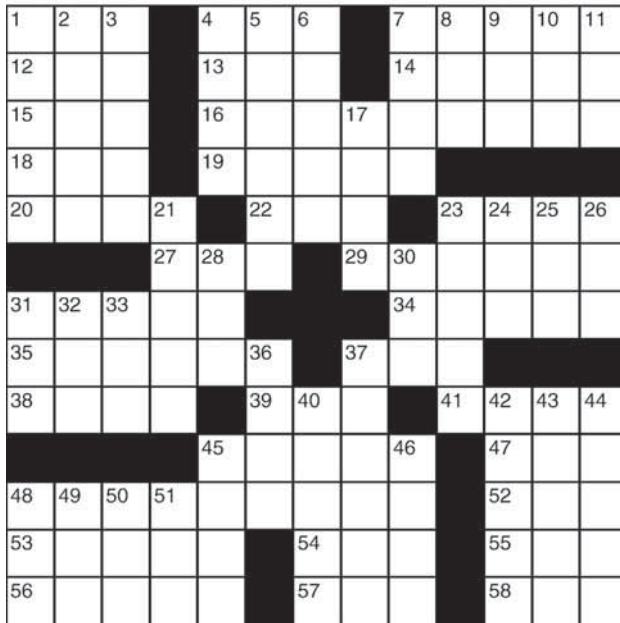
## Crossword

## Across

- 1 Hot tub  
4 Physicist's deg.  
7 Cut in two  
12 Chop  
13 Scrooge's cry  
14 Crosswise, nautically  
15 Historic time  
16 Four-line verses  
18 Atmosphere  
19 Seafood entree  
20 Dog bane?  
22 Very long time  
23 Former frosh  
27 Needlefish  
29 There  
31 Perfect  
34 Perspectives  
35 With 48-Across, "Family Feud" material  
37 Bankroll  
38 Oliver Twist's request  
39 Clean Air Act org.  
41 Send forth  
45 Pilfered  
47 Inseparable  
48 See 35-Across  
52 "Monty Python" opener  
53 Pianist Eubie  
54 Young seal  
55 Prepared  
56 Disrobe  
57 Pigpen  
58 Attempt

## Down

- 1 Wheat bundle  
2 Danger  
3 Cognizant  
4 Cookouts, for short  
5 UFO, maybe



- 6 Guitarist once wed to Xavier Cugat  
7 Difficult  
8 "The — Daba Hon-ey-moon"  
9 Island garland  
10 Forefront  
11 Typog-raphy units  
17 Broadway prize  
21 Tequila source  
23 Insinuating  
24 "— on a Grecian Urn"  
25 Church seat  
26 Storefront sign abbr.

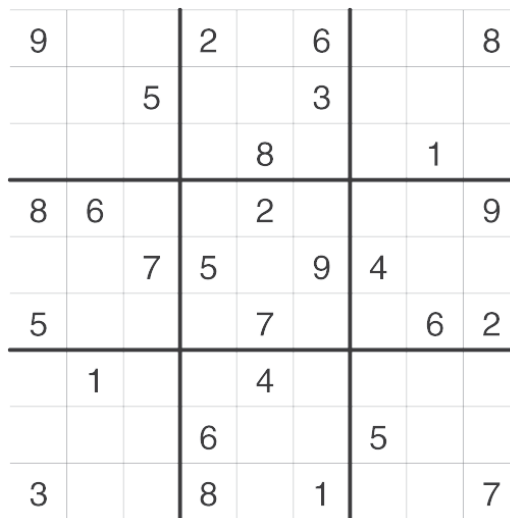
- 28 Hearty brew  
30 Eggs  
31 Doctrine  
32 Pair with an air  
33 Mess up  
36 Abominable Snow-man  
37 Reddish brown  
40 Tires (out)  
42 Wettish  
43 Bury  
44 Irascible  
45 Dance lesson  
46 Catch sight of  
48 Brady and Brees, for ex.

- 49 Last (Abbr.)  
50 Listener  
51 Tackle moguls

## Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 4 |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| 9 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 2 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 1 |

## A look at the weather

**TODAY**  
Min -4°  
Max 3°

**SATURDAY**  
Min 1°  
Max 7°

**SUNDAY**  
Min -9°  
Max 3°

## Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". WEEKDAYS 5:30 A.M.



## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** You will be thinking a lot about your work and your reputation over the next few days.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21** If someone says you should not be concerned about what is going on in your immediate environment that means you should be very concerned indeed.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** It would appear that you have been worrying about your money situation for no good reason.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** You are in two minds whether to get in-

volved in a feud that is really none of your business.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23** This is the ideal time to think of ways to reduce your chores and improve your health.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22** Your confidence is improving by the hour.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** You may find it hard to ask for assistance but ask you must because if you go it alone over the holiday period you could find yourself in a bit of a muddle.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** The approaching new moon makes it

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easier for you to express yourself — and easier for others to understand what it is you are trying to say.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** Good news from afar will cheer you up today.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** You are on the cusp of a positive phase.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** Don't snap at people who try to cheer you up — they mean well.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.** This is a good day to contact friends and relatives and plan a get-together.

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